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23.	Suratpura-Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar (240.95 km.)	Rajasthan
24.	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.2 km.)	Rajasthan, Gujarat
25.	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur (90.41 km.)	Tamil Nadu
Doubling		
26.	Udhna-Jalgaon (306.93)	Maharashtra, Gujarat
27.	Chandrapura-Rajabera-Chandrapura-Bhandaridah (106 km.)	Jharkhand
28.	Jakhal-Mansa (45 km.)	Haryana
29.	3rd line between Rajkharswan and Sini (15 km.)	Jharkhand
30.	Muri and Muri outer cabin (1 km.)	West Bengal
31.	Banspani-Jaruli (9 km.)	Orissa
32.	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam (26.83 km.)	Tamil Nadu
33.	Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd line (165 km.)	Chhattisgarh, Orissa
34.	Villupuram-Dindigul (with Electrification) (273 km.)	Tamil Nadu
35.	Panskura-Kharagpur 3rd line (144.7 km.)	West Bengal
36.	Bhopal-Bina 3rd line (143 km.)	Madhya Pradesh
Railway Elect.		
37.	Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati (144.7 km.)	Bihar, West Bengal, Assam
38.	Kanpur-Jhansi (809 km.)	Uttar Pradesh
MTP		
39.	Mumbai Urban Transport Projects (Phase II) rail Component	Maharashtra

(c) and (d) The proposal of new line from Sivok to Rangpo (52.70 km) has been processed for 'In Principle' approval of Planning Commission. As per the survey, the estimated cost of the new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been assessed as Rs. 1329.48 crore.

Recruitment of group 'D' posts

909. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the age, qualification, physical standards, experience, pay etc. prescribed for Group 'D' posts in Railways;

(b) whether recruitment to Group 'D' posts are made at national, regional or at division level;

(c) whether justice demands advertising such posts widely in local/national/regional language newspapers;

(d) whether candidates are given TA/DA and boarding/lodging facilities;

(e) in what language the examination papers are set/conducted;

(f) whether in the recent recruitment to 4,700 Group 'D' post in South Western Railway, most of the prescribed requirements were not compiled with/violated for the benefit of candidates from one particular region; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Age limit: 18-33 years as on date for a general category, 36 for other backward class, 38 for Scheduled Castes (SC) Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidate;

Qualification: 8th class pass; Physical Standards: Male candidates should be able to run for a distance of 1500 meters in six minutes whereas female candidates should be able to run for a distance of 400 meters in three minutes in one chance; Experience: Nil and Pay Scale: Rs. 2550-3200/Rs. 2610-3540.

(b) Recruitment to group 'D' posts are made at zonal level.

(c) Yes, Sir. Wide scale advertisement is a prequisite requirement in light of guidelines circulated by Department of Personnel & Training (which is the nodal department) pursuant to the directive of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Excise Superintendent, Malkapatnam, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh v/s K.B.N. Visveshwara Rao & others.

(d) No, Sir. Only candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) are given free travel facility from place of their residence to examination centre and back.

(e) Hindi, English and official language(s) contained in VIII Schedule of Constitution of India and prevalent in the area of recruitment.

(f) No, Sir. All the requirements were complied with.

(g) Does not arise.

Reflectors, underpasses and hooting mechanism in trains

910. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some elephants were run over by the running trains on Daitari-Banspani line in Orissa which is a major corridor for elephants;

(b) whether to control such loss, the wildlife experts have recommended reflectors, underpasses and hooting mechanism in trains;

(c) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has made some suggestions to control such losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating the action plan of Government to addres this issue?